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FOR NEA ATHERTON ONLY FROM HUMMEL

E.O. 11"#2: GDS
TAGS: EFIN, ETRD, GATT, PK
SUBJECT: IRRITANTS IN US/PAKISTAN RELATIONS

1. IN OUR WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS WE ALL AGREED WE SHOULD TRY TO LIMIT THE FBLAGE OF US/PAK RELATIONS AS WE PROCEED WITH NECESSARY ACTIONS IN SOUTH ASIA. ONE ELEMENT IN THIS, THAT WAS WRITTEN INTO AT LEAST ONE POLICY PAPER, IS PAYING CAREFUL ATTENTION TO MINIMIZING PERIPHERAL IRRITANTS.

2. ISLAMABAD 8418 REPORTS SHARP GOP REACTION TO THE USG TAKING THE LEAD, AND ACTING VIRTUALLY ALONE, IN DEMANDING GATT/BOP CONSULTATIONS. THERE ARE SOME IN GOP WHO THINK THAT THIS ACTION REFLECTS GENERAL USG POLICY TO PUNISH PAKISTAN BECAUSE OF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE. WE HAD TRIED TO HEAD OFF THE CONSULTATION DEMAND FROM HERE BUT GOT BACK A REPLY (STATE 172100) GIVING EB'S STRONG THEOLOGICAL INSISTENCE ON PRINCIPLES.

3. NOW WE ARE TRYING TO HEAD OFF ANOTHER THEOLOGICAL CRITICISM OF PAKISTAN (STATE 179663) BECAUSE OF SOME INSURANCE COMPANY RESTRICTIONS THAT WE CAN'T HOPE TO CHANGE AND WOULDN'T GAIN MUCH IF THEY WERE CHANGED.

4. WHAT IS NECESSARY, WE WILL DO. WHAT WE DOUBT IS NECESSARY, WE WILL RECLAMA. I KNOW YOU WILL HAVE IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF
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AVOIDING UNNECESSARY OR RITUALISTIC ACTIONS THAT CAN COMPLICATE OUR ALREADY DIFFICULT RELATIONS DURING THE COMING MONTHS, AND THAT YOU WILL HEOP US AVOID THEM. THIS RELEGRAM NEEDS NO REPLY.
REGARDS.
HUMMEL

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